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At the beginning of August 1950 the offensive strength of the Chinese Communist Air Force was nine times that of the Nationalists' when Tientsin and Peking fell; their defensive strength was four times the Nationalist power at the same period. In August 1950 Chinese Communist air strength was expected to double within 18 months, and the Chinese Communists were able to manufacture most aircraft parts under Soviet supervision. However, they had to pay U.S. dollars for every plane received from the USSR.

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